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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1912.

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TOWN NOTES.

On Saturday evening occurs the annual festival of the Collegeville Fire Company. For years this annual event has attracted large gatherings. This year the local firemen's affair leads off the festival season in this locality. By the way, the Schwenksville band will be there in full bloom to discourse, etc., etc. During the past few years interest in the fire company has dwindled somewhat until the last half year, and most of the work connected with the support and maintenance of the apparatus has fallen to a few individuals. The company is a public institution and community spirit should be so strong that every person in the town would be anxious to do his share to make these events successful in every way.

Already the local Women's Civic League has accomplished visible results. The land opposite the station and owned by the Perkiomen Railroad Company has been cleared of rubbish and weeds by the burning process and the improvement is quite noticeable. This was instigated by the Civic League. The lot on Main street, opposite the INDEPENDENT office offers another opportunity for improvement. Town Council has a duty to perform here. Council should see to it that at least the walk is kept entirely unobstructed. It is difficult to imagine just why it is necessary for those who use the sidewalk at that point to put up a strenuous kick every year before this same matter is attended to.

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church was held Monday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Omwake. Misses Barman and Boorem rendered two piano duets, Mrs. F. W. Gristock recited and Miss Mabel Vanderslice sang. The next meeting of the society will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fetterolf.

Ex-Burgess and Mrs. F. J. Clamer left Collegeville, Tuesday, for New York, from which place they sailed on Wednesday on the German-American liner, Moltke, for Italy. In Europe Mr. and Mrs. Clamer will meet their daughters, Mrs. Bauer and Miss May, and their son-in-law, Mr. Bauer, and their grandchildren, all of whom are now traveling in the Old World. Mr. and Mrs. Clamer will return to Collegeville early in August. Guillemain Clamer and Mr. Hendrickson, of the Ajax Metal Company, Philadelphia, called on Mr. and Mrs. Clamer, Sunday.

Mrs. A. Benner, of Jonesville, Michigan, visited friends in this vicinity, last week.

The house and lot on Third avenue, east, belonging to the estate of the late William Gordon, was sold at public sale, Monday, to Geo. K. Backmire for \$1100. Squire G. W. Yost is agent for the administrator, L. H. Ingram auctioneer of the sale.

Mrs. Mary Smith, of Pottstown, spent several days with Mrs. Ella Holson.

Mrs. F. P. Walt is on the sick list.

Miss Margaret Moser, who graduated from the Philadelphia School of Design for Women on Wednesday, has been appointed Supervisor of Drawing and Penmanship of the schools at Ambler, Pa.

Mrs. H. H. Koons suffered with an attack of acute indigestion.

Mr. and Mrs. Arley, of Danville, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ebert, last week.

Dr. R. D. Faringer, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his mother.

Dr. M. Sponsler, of New York City, spent Sunday with his mother.

Paul Parks, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Akers, of this borough, left here for his home in Johnstown, Pa., Saturday. Paul scored the highest marks for the term and for the final examination in the Grammar school. He expects to return and enter the High School in September.

Mr. Backmire, who purchased the Gordon place, owns the property formerly belonging to M. N. Barndt and is making extensive improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Clamer and sons attended the funeral of an uncle of Mrs. Clamer, in Philadelphia, Sunday.

Miss Kathryn Wehler, of Frederick, Md., who at one time resided here, graduated from an art school in New York.

The growing Freed Heater Company is having erected a large warehouse, 20 x 80 feet. Contractor Backwater is doing the work.

John Barrett has opened his refreshment stand at the boat landing.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Louisa Cole.

At the age of 88, Mrs. Louisa Cole, widow of the late Sebastian Cole, died at Boyertown. Deceased, who was formerly a well known resident of Limerick township, is survived by a son, Horace Cole, of Limerick, and by a daughter, Mrs. George Kauler, of Boyertown. The funeral was held Wednesday morning with services in St. Luke's church, Trappe, and interment in St. Luke's cemetery. Funeral director F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Jonas S. Wagner.

Jonas S. Wagner, one of the most prominent residents of Pottstown, died Saturday at his home from a complication of diseases. He had been ill for some time. In 1901 Mr. Wagner became associated with J. D. McNeil, in the organization of the Pottstown Bank. He became the president at the time of the first election of officers and held the position until the time of his death.

MAIN STREET WILL BE OILED AGAIN.

The Town Council of Collegeville at a special meeting, Friday evening, decided to again apply a coat of oil to Main street. It was estimated that preparing the street, oiling and grit to cover it, will cost between \$1400 and \$1500. Repairs will have to be made to certain places on Main street before the oil is applied.

The oil proposition occasioned a heated controversy in council and some uncompromising remarks were made to have been passed as a result of which it is rumored that one member of council may resign. About two weeks ago a special meeting of the Borough Fathers was held and the oiling of Main street was discussed. At that time two members were absent. It is said that at that time the general opinion of the members present seemed to be against oiling this year and favorable to improving some of the side streets. However, another special meeting for Friday evening was appointed and then after a lengthy debate it was decided to take the step. It took two hours after the question was called to get a majority favorable to oiling. The vote was: For oiling—Ebert, Vanderslice, Saylor, Bordner; against—Culp and Walt.

CALIFORNIA EXHIBIT CAR HERE NEXT MONDAY, JUNE 3.

The North of Bay Counties (California) Exhibit Car will reach Collegeville station next Monday morning, June 3, and afford everybody an opportunity to see the monster shark and other very interesting exhibits. Many of the souvenirs given away on the cars are worth more than the price of admission. Be sure to see the wonderful shark specimen from the deep sea. Admission, adults 25 cents; children under fifteen years, fifteen cents.

\$21.15 FOR CRUELTY TO HORSES.
Geo. Bartman, 17 years old, of near Spring Mount, was arraigned before Squire G. W. Yost of Collegeville, Tuesday, and fined \$20 and \$1.15 costs for cruelty to animals. The arrest was made by Frederick Carter, agent for the Philadelphia Prevention of Cruelty Society.

Neighbors of young Bartman, who works for his father, entered complaint that he had been guilty of repeated cruelty to horses he was playing with last week. His arrest followed.

Before Squire Yost he admitted beating the horses with a heavy stick or club. His father paid the fine and costs.

Crescent Literary Society Meets Wednesday Evening.

The Crescent Literary Society of Yorks will hold its meetings on Wednesday evening instead of Saturday evening. The next meeting will be held on June 5. The following program will be rendered: Recitations—Florence Crist, William Hunsberger, Mrs. Joseph Famous, Abram Hunsicker; readings—Mrs. C. C. Jones, Wallace Dannehower, Ernest Yocum, Alvin Funk; instrumental solo—D. T. Allebach; vocal solo—Sara Bechtel; instrumental duet—Alice Yeager, Mary Greenly; Gazette, Nora Hillborn.

Gasoline Stove Exploded With Fatal Results.

Mrs. Emma Bartram, of Conshohocken, was terribly burned when a gasoline stove in her kitchen exploded, Monday morning. She died Tuesday afternoon.

MEMORIAL DAY

Thursday is Memorial Day and as is the custom the graves of departed soldiers will be visited and decorated with flowers by members of G. A. R. Posts. L. H. Ingram will receive flowers for distribution from residents of Collegeville.

H. T. Hunsicker Ill.

Henry T. Hunsicker, former Recorder of Deeds, has been ill at his home in Ironbridge. Mr. Hunsicker suffered a nervous breakdown. We are glad to report that his condition is considerably improved.

COMMENCEMENT OF URSINUS COLLEGE

Forty-Second Commencement of Ursinus College will be held next week. Dr. Yocum the Orator.

Next week will be commencement week at Ursinus College. It will welcome the sons and daughters of old Ursinus and the relatives and friends of the graduates. There is an especial interest in this commencement because of the fact that it is hoped an announcement will be made regarding the \$100,000 fund being raised for the college.

Previous to the commencement the pupils of the Ursinus School of Music will give a public recital in Bomberger hall, Thursday afternoon, at 8 o'clock, to which all of the friends of the institution are invited.

The program for commencement week follows:

SUNDAY, JUNE 2.

8 p. m. Baccalaureate Sermon by the Rev. Dr. A. Edwin Keigwin, D. D., President of the College.

MONDAY, JUNE 3.

2 p. m. Class Day Exercises, in the College Auditorium.

8 p. m. Lecture by Hon. Walter M. Chandler, of New York. Subject: "The Republic of the Fathers." Music by Diemer's Orchestra of Pottstown.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4.

10 a. m. Annual meeting of the Board of Directors, in the President's rooms.

1 p. m. Annual meeting of the Alumni Association, in Bomberger Hall.

3 p. m. Baseball game, Ursinus vs. Alumni, on the Athletic Field.

5 p. m. Alumni Luncheon, College Dining Hall.

8 p. m. Alumni Oration, in the College Auditorium, by the Rev. George Stibitz, Ph. D., D. D., '81, Professor of Old Testament Languages and Literature, Central Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio.

9-11 p. m. Reception by the President and Faculty in the Library.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5.

10 a. m. Music by Diemer's Orchestra of Pottstown.

10:30 a. m. Commencement.

12:30 p. m. Reception by the President and Faculty in the Library.

3:30 p. m. Open Air Concert, on the Campus, by the Pottstown Band.

DESCENDANTS OF ST. JAMES' EARLY MEMBERS WILL MEET NEXT SATURDAY.

The eleventh annual reunion of the descendants of the early members of St. James' Episcopal church, Evansburg, will be held on Saturday.

The day's program will start at 11 o'clock with a prayer and brief address by Rev. F. S. Ballentine, the pastor. Lunch will then be served by the ladies of the parish between the hours of 12:30 and 1:30 p. m. A business meeting will be held at 2 o'clock, when many important matters will be discussed. Rt. Rev. James H. Darlington, bishop of Harrisburg, will be present and address the meeting. There will also be read a paper bearing the history of the parish, prepared by Rev. Marcus Karcher, a former rector.

The committee appointed in 1906, to consider the matter of marking the site of the early church, will be prepared to make a report of the progress made, the success of which depends largely upon the contributions received. These may be given to any member of the committee or to the secretary.

The committee in charge would be very glad to have a large audience from the surrounding country to help make these anniversaries neighborhood affairs and general gatherings.

GLENWOOD ALUMNAE HERE THURSDAY.

The annual reunion of the Glenwood Alumnae Association will be held Thursday of this week. Over half a hundred of former students of the women's college are expected to be present.

Religious Notice.

Father Sullivan will conduct mass on Sunday mornings at 8:30 o'clock at Collegeville and at 11 o'clock at East Greenville until further notice.

Suffrage Convention at Norristown.

The Montgomery County Woman's Suffrage Association will hold its annual convention on Friday afternoon, May 31, in the Y. M. C. A. parlor, Norristown.

Veterans at Great Valley Church.

The members of Zion's Church, No. 11, Penna. G. A. R., of Norristown, Sunday, in a most fitting manner, The Civil War veterans, their ranks thinned by the interval of fifty years, journeyed in autos to the Great Valley Church in the forenoon.

Farms Sold.

Real estate agent John H. Spang, of Eagleview, has sold the 30-acre farm of Jacob Wanner in Lower Providence to Charles Goodman for \$4300, and he has purchased John Burns' 28 acre farm near Schwenksville. Mr. Spang will build a barn on the Burns farm. The one on the place was destroyed by fire last August. Contractor Buckwalter will do the work.

CONVENTION OF TEMPERANCE UNION

Montgomery County Association held Semi-Annual Meeting at Collegeville Last Thursday.

A fair day and a fair attendance favored the twenty-sixth semi-annual convention of the County Woman's Christian Temperance Union held in Trinity Reformed church, this place, last Thursday. The routine work of the morning and the devotional half hour, conducted by Mrs. Annabelle Houpt, of Norristown preceded the opening of the convention at eleven o'clock by Mrs. S. L. Oberholzer, the county president. On taking the chair Mrs. Oberholzer gave one of her own short poems, appropriate to the occasion. Mrs. Ida L. Fenton was introduced and in a beautifully worded address welcomed the convention. An excellent response was given by Mrs. Davis, president of the Port Providence Union.

Roll call showed forty-seven delegates present. Local presidents gave briefly a status of their respective unions, reporting new members if any. The pastor, Rev. W. S. Clapp, was called on and after a brief address offered the nuptial prayer. After lunch many of the delegates and visitors availed themselves of the noon recess to visit Ursinus College.

The exercises of the afternoon opened with devotional services led by Mrs. Laura W. Robertson, president of Cheltenham union. County Legal Superintendent, Mrs. Elizabeth Hallman, gave an interesting report of the applications for licenses. Mrs. Famous, of Oaks, spoke on how to best secure success in Juvenile Work. Dr. Wm. S. Corson was introduced and gave an interesting talk on the subject of Alcohol Scientifically Considered. Rev. C. D. Yost, of Ursinus College, spoke on the progress made in temperance sentiment and gave credit to the W. C. T. U. for their help.

J. Shelly Weinberger, L. D., favored the meeting with a pleasing reminiscent talk very acceptable to his hearers. Other speakers from outside points also made brief addresses. A pretty scene was enacted when the three little baby daughters, Margaret Clapp, Evelyn Omwake and Dorothy Corson, the latter only one month old, were brought by their mothers to the platform to have the white ribbon tied to each little wrist by Mrs. Oberholzer, the name of each being pronounced as Mrs. Oberholzer did this. The short service was closed with an earnest prayer by Miss Huston. An interesting paper on "The World's Work and Workers of the W. C. T. U." was given by Mrs. Oberholzer. A charming feature of the entire day's program was the delightful music rendered by Mrs. Katharine Middleton, of Norristown, and Prof. J. G. Dailey, of West Philadelphia, vocalists with Mrs. Fenton, accompanist. A favorite song was entitled, "A Saloonless Nation in 1920." This legend expressed a resolution adopted by the Christian Endeavor Convention held at Atlantic City last year and gave title to the song written, words and music by Prof. Dailey, and which was used by the convention with good effect. The Fall convention will be held at Pottstown.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

A dinner in honor of the 75th birthday of Benjamin Linsinbiger was given at his home near Mingo last Sunday. He received many presents. One very important feature of the occasion was the taking of the family picture. Four generations were included in the group.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Rambo, of Trappe, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Linsinbiger and Mrs. Lawrence Linsinbiger and children Dorothy and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Linsinbiger and daughter Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Fry and children, Ethel, Grace and Benjamin.

Appointed Assistant County Treasurer.

Dr. R. J. Weber, of Red Hill, was appointed as assistant to County Treasurer H. P. Keely for four months beginning last Monday. The appointee will accompany the County Treasurer on his trips throughout the county for the purpose of collecting the taxes. County Treasurer Keely made the appointment and it was promptly ratified by the County Salary Board, composed of the Controller and the County Commissioners.

Lebanon Reformed Classis Against Union with Presbyterians.

By a vote of 26 to 10, the Lebanon Classis of the Reformed Church at the annual meeting, recently held at the Presbyterian Church and "every other plan which looks to the extinction of our beloved Zion."

The Demons of the Swamp
are mosquitoes. As they sting they put deadly malaria germs into the blood. Then follow the chills and the fever. The appetite dies and the strength fails; also malaria often paves the way for deadly typhoid. But Electric Bitters kill and cut out the malaria germs from the blood; give you a fine appetite and renew your strength. "After long suffering I wrote Wm. F. Feltwell, of Locust, N. C., 'three bottles drove all the malaria from my system, and I've had good health ever since.' Best for all stomach, liver and kidney ills. 50c. at William M. Hill's drug store, Collegeville, and at M. T. Hunsicker's store, Ironbridge.

COMING LOCAL COMMENCEMENTS

Collegeville's Exercises Wednesday Night. Trappe, Friday; Limerick, Saturday; Large Class in Upper Providence.

Preparations for commencement are everywhere in evidence, and the graduates are now the most important persons anywhere to be found. The exercises of Collegeville High School occur Wednesday evening of this week in Bomberger Hall of Ursinus College. Trappe commencement will be held Friday evening in Masonic Hall, and the graduation exercises for Limerick township in the Limerick Centre church, Saturday evening. Upper Providence has the largest class in this section, twenty-nine having completed the school course.

Upper Providence.

A class of twenty-nine will graduate from the public schools of Upper Providence township at the commencement exercises to be held at Green Tree church on Saturday afternoon, June 8, at 2 o'clock. The graduates are: Florence M. Bohn, M. Ruth Bechtel, Catharine S. Brunner, Ruth E. Carmack, Nathan U. Davis, Jr., J. Darlington Detwiler, Harry F. Daub, Grace L. Fry, Arthur R. Francis, Carrie Y. Fle, Elizabeth L. Funk, James D. Favinger, Lydia B. Groff, Robert R. Gordon, Marie P. Harding, Susanna J. Hunsberger, Ella W. Johnson, Anna M. Logan, Verna W. Meyers, Augustus N. McCord, Elsie M. Radcliff, Edith M. Root, Pearl S. Smith, William Spith, George N. Styer, Verna M. Wismer, Myrtle L. Williams, Abram B. Webb, J. Lees Yeager.

For the first time in the history of the township baccalaureate services will be held. The baccalaureate sermon to the graduates will be preached next Sunday morning, June 2, at 10:30 o'clock, in the Green Tree church, by Rev. Chas. McKee.

Perkiomen.

The twenty-fifth commencement of Perkiomen township's public schools was held Saturday evening in Mark's pavilion, Graterford. The salutatory oration was delivered by Mary B. Spaide. An oration, "The Two Paths," was given by Frederick F. Fisher. Florence Yeager gave a recitation and James Ryback delivered an oration on "America's Flag." The class history was ably handled by Bessie Smith and the presentations were made by Elsie Bechtel. Claude T. Fisher gave the valedictory. Grant McGlathery, of Norristown, made the address to the graduates. The diplomas were presented by Rev. N. F. Schmidt.

Schwenksville.

The fourth annual commencement of the Schwenksville High School will be held in the Eden Memorial church on Thursday evening, May 30. There will be four graduates: Sadie Ettinger, Stanley Richard, Howard Rosenberg and Wallace Nye. The commencement address will be delivered by Rev. Albert S. Bromer.

Demonstration of Farming with Dynamite.

On Saturday, June 8, at 1:30 p. m., a demonstration will be given with the Keystone "Farm Right" dynamite, in blasting stumps and rocks, including a sub-soil and hard pan and draining wet land. It will be given on the William P. Detwiler farm between Collegeville and Port Providence. The use of dynamite in the preparation of soil for seed and tree planting, as well as for blasting stumps and rocks, is growing rapidly in public favor. See adverb., page 4.

A Dangerous Practice.

To the EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT: I desire to give to the public in a brief way my observation of the danger, or fire hazard that may result from cigarette smoking. On the evening of May 20, while on my way to the post office and as I was crossing the old bridge here, I noticed smoke arising a few feet from the west end. On reaching the spot I was amazed to find the dry doily end of one of the planks smoldering almost ready to blaze from a cigarette 3-4 ash and yet I-4 unconsumed. I called several of the nearby neighbors to witness the fact and to our minds nothing would have been more sure than the destruction of our bridge had the fire been started a few hours later after night. I am fully convinced that a great number of the people who smoke those baneful cigarettes do not care either for their own health nor for the conservation of property, and the longer they continue the practice the less they will care for the good of others; that is sure.

A. C. LANDES.

Yerkes, Pa.

Price of Milk for June.

The Executive Committee of the Inter-State Milk Producers Association has fixed the wholesale price of milk for June at 4 1-2 cents per quart.

What Texans Admire

is hearty, vigorous life, according to Hugh Tallman, of San Antonio. "We find," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Life Pills surely put new life and energy into a person. Wife and I believe they are the best made." Excellent for stomach, liver or kidney troubles. 35 cents at Wm. M. Hill's drug store, Collegeville, and at M. T. Hunsicker's store, Ironbridge.

LEAGUE RACE WILL START THIS WEEK

Perkiomen Valley League's First Season Opens Memorial Day. Rules for the Contests.

The contest for the championship of the Perkiomen Valley Baseball League will open this Thursday, Memorial Day. During the race each of the four teams—Limerick, Collegeville, Schwenksville and Trappe—will play 18 games, 9 of Trappe will be played on their home grounds. A number of the rules governing the contest follow:

All teams shall be strictly amateur and the president of each team shall take oath to that effect.

The umpires shall have entire control of all games. All disputes must be settled by the central committee.

Swearing among players is prohibited under penalty of expulsion from the game and a fine of from 50 to \$1.00.

Games shall begin at 3 o'clock.

Price of admission shall be 15 cents.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES.

May 30. Collegeville at Trappe.

June 1. Schwenksville at Collegeville.

June 2. Trappe at Schwenksville.

June 3. Limerick at Collegeville.

June 4. Trappe at Collegeville.

June 5. Schwenksville at Trappe.

June 6. Collegeville at Limerick.

June 7. Trappe at Schwenksville.

June 8. Limerick at Collegeville.

June 9. Trappe at Schwenksville.

June 10. Collegeville at Trappe.

June 11. Schwenksville at Limerick.

June 12. Trappe at Collegeville.

June 13. Schwenksville at Trappe.

June 14. Collegeville at Limerick.

June 15. Trappe at Schwenksville.

June 16. Limerick at Collegeville.

June 17. Trappe at Schwenksville.

June 18. Collegeville at Trappe.

June 19. Schwenksville at Limerick.

June 20. Trappe at Collegeville.

June 21. Schwenksville at Trappe.

June 22. Collegeville at Limerick.

June 23. Trappe at Schwenksville.

June 24. Limerick at Collegeville.

June 25. Trappe at Schwenksville.

June 26. Collegeville at Trappe.

June 27. Schwenksville at Limerick.

June 28. Trappe at Collegeville.

June 29. Schwenksville at Trappe.

June 30. Collegeville at Limerick.

July 1. Trappe at Schwenksville.

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July 3. Trappe at Schwenksville.

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July 5. Schwenksville at Limerick.

July 6. Trappe at Collegeville.

July 7. Schwenksville at Trappe.

July 8. Collegeville at Limerick.

TRAPPE NEWS.

The proposition to light the Main street of the borough with electricity will be further considered at a meeting of Town Council to be held Saturday evening. At a recent meeting this progressive measure was voted upon favorably and a committee was given authority to negotiate with the electric light company.

The Fire Company met last week and decided finally to erect a hall on the lot on School street, now in the possession of the company through the generosity of E. W. Beckman. The building will be 50 by 30 feet. There will be an engine room, a meeting room and a hall. The work of excavating for the building will be done by members of the company and the masonry will be built largely through private subscriptions. It is expected that rapid progress will be made on the building during the coming summer.

Interest is centered in the public school commencement which will be held Friday evening in Masonic Hall. This commencement will be the twelfth of the Trappe public schools. An interesting program has been arranged. Frank S. Brant, a member of the school board of Lower Providence, will make the address to the graduates.

The annual Firemen's festival occurs Saturday evening, June 15. The public schools are now closed for the summer. Tuesday was the last day of school.

There will be no church services or Sunday school at Augustus Lutheran church, Sunday. The Lutheran Ministerium will be in session at Bethlehem and Rev. Fegely, the pastor, will be in attendance.

Jacob Wisler is ill.

Josiah Walt, of Royersford, and F. Walt, of Collegeville, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Jacob Walt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Saylor, of Pottstown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Saylor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Meddland entertained visitors recently.

Mrs. Wiseman and daughters, from Philadelphia, were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Mathieu.

Isaac Latshaw, hostler at E. W. Beckman's hotel, while trimming trees, Monday, cut off the end of one of his fingers with the hatchet.

D. W. Favinger took

MAY 30, 1912—Memorial Day!
Remember the last resting places of those who participated in the great struggle that resulted in the preservation of the Union of States, and remember their devotion to duty and to their country. Then resolve with all possible emphasis that every effort of the future shall be directed toward the prevention of war, human slaughter and human woe. And resolve to remember that the highest patriotism of peace—national justice and honesty—will enable the nation to reach its highest possible destiny, without sacrificing human lives and multiplying widows and orphans.

THEY HAVE REACHED THE LIMIT.

The anthracite coal operators and coal roads of this State have reached the limit of greedy selfishness in imposing upon consumers another advance in the price of one of the foremost necessities of human existence in this and other latitudes. Every time the operators and common carriers have been required to slightly advance the wages of those who pass the greater part of their lives many feet below the surface of the earth, consumers have been compelled to pay about twice the amount of the increase allowed the miners. The coal producing corporations have become inordinately enriched by a process of extortion practiced upon the mass of consumers who have thus far received no protection whatever from the extortion. If the heads of these corporations are of the opinion that they can safely go on and on indefinitely with their unjust and burdensome imposition upon the people they will in due time be forced to change their point of view. They have been inviting the accumulating wrath of consumers for a long time. Now they are inviting disaster. The people of the State are beginning to ask what their State Government is good for if it is not able to afford them a reasonable amount of protection from the avaricious and heartless greed of some of the corporations the State has chartered; and they will soon press the question whether the creatures—most audacious and hogish—of the State are greater than the State itself? The coal operators in combination with the railroads are hastening a day of reckoning. And when that day comes the State will either own the coal mines or it will ADEQUATELY SUPERVISE the corporations in possession and hold them down to about six per cent. upon capital actually invested, fix the wages of the miners, and the price of coal to consumers!

The death of Wilmer H. Johnson, at Harrisburg last week, recalls to mind his vigorous journalistic efforts in this county, covering a period of about twenty-five years. As editor of the North Wales Record Mr. Johnson was a virile writer and he exerted considerable influence in the political affairs of the county.

HUNDREDS of Missouri Republicans are signing a pledge not to vote for Roosevelt should he be nominated, because of his action with respect to a third term in violation of his pledged word. Many thousand Republicans in Pennsylvania would doubtless join in signing a similar pledge.

ACCORDING to Senator La Follette, whose reputation for telling the truth has never been seriously questioned, declares that "when Roosevelt became President there were 149 illegal combinations in the country. When he left the White House there were 1020." After all the Roosevelt preachment against predatory wealth?

THE authorities of Swarthmore College have done well in deciding to open to public visitation the large observatory that adorns the campus of that distinguished institution of higher learning. The 24-inch telescope, given to the college by Senator Sprout, is one of the finest in existence and the largest east of the Rocky Mountains. The public should fully appreciate and take abundant advantage of the opportunities to look into the depths of space provided by the generous decision of the management of Swarthmore College.

MORE than one-third of the two-and-one-half billion pounds of coffee annually entering the international commerce of the world is consumed in the United States, its imports of that article being twice as much as those of Germany, three times those of Netherlands, four times those of France, nearly ten times those of Great Britain, and half as much as those of all Europe, next to the United States the great coffee-consuming section of the world. The world's leading exporters of coffee, according to the latest official reports of the various countries thus far received by the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Commerce and Labor, are: The United States, 875 million pounds; Germany, 404 million; Netherlands, 265 million; France, 245 million; Austria-Hungary, 127 million; Belgium, 95 million; the United Kingdom, 88 million; and Sweden, 65 million.

It appeared to be an unalterable conclusion, the early part of last week, that the County Commissioners would invest in an automobile in which to make their trips, with Controller Jacobs, to various sections of the county. The latest report current is that the Commissioners have changed their minds and that they will not purchase an automobile. Assuming that the Commissioners will hold hard and fast to their latest decision, those who were so anticipatory in their cogitations as to picture to themselves the Commissioners and Controller Jacobs navigating an airship, to the astonishment and bewilderment of the inhabitants of their bailiwick, must wait awhile for the materialization of the picture. The auto will be likely to precede the airship, and until the auto is tried out as a means of official locomotion it is hardly worth while talking about a mechanism that will play hide and seek with the clouds.

From the New York Times: When the President said the other day that Canadian reciprocity was a dead issue he must have meant in the United States, where there is nothing pending. The subject is very much alive in Canada, and more than holds its own. For example, the Province of Quebec held its election last week, and the party of reciprocity increased the majority it held in part on this issue. In Ottawa the result is taken as a clear indication of the approaching renewal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's appeal to the people for approval of his policy, in which reciprocity is foremost. The reason for this belief is that the Government lent all its influence of patronage and talent to the Quebec campaign and relied upon aligning the English vote against the French. The vote which was relied upon to support the Dominion Government went solidly to the opposition, the promoters of reciprocity. In Canada, at least, reciprocity is a winning issue. In some States of the United States it may be popular to doubt the liveness of the issue, but the real test would be a motion to repeal it. If the Congress is truly representative of universal opinion no majority for repeal could be found, and it would be a bold man who would venture to associate himself with such a policy for any object beyond a purely local election. Reciprocity is for the greatest good of the greatest number on both sides of the border, and is a local issue only in the sense that the tariff is a local issue, and that the largest aggregation of local issues should control in government by majority.

Farm and Garden

PLANNING THE FARM HOME.

Worth Any Farmer's While to Pay Close Attention to the Details.

In the introduction of a bulletin recently prepared by A. T. Irwin of the Iowa Agricultural college relating to the adornment of the farm home attention is called to the fact that neat, conveniently arranged buildings and a well kept lawn attractively bordered with trees and shrubs add greatly to the appearance and value of the farm and to the happiness of its occupants. A well thought out plan is the first requisite to get these results, as in the absence of a definite scheme serious mistakes are likely to be made. This plan should include the location of buildings, drives, walks, trees, shrubbery and every other feature which contributes either to the convenience or ornamentation of the place. The location of the house and farm buildings is the first consideration. Even though it happens that some or all of these are already on the ground a plan for their location is important. New farm homes are erected to supplant old ones, and other new farm structures are added, which make preicable a general consideration of the entire building scheme. Material improvements can often be made in a farmstead by a readjustment as new buildings are put up, though the best results are obtained where things are planned right from the start. In selecting a site for the house good drainage is the first requisite. A south or east slope is generally to be preferred, while a north slope is undesirable. In its location give the house greatest prominence. The farmstead first of all provides a home, and the residence should stand out as the central and most conspicuous feature of the picture. To place the barn and other buildings in front of the house is to reverse the logical order of things. Locate the house back far enough from the highway to afford privacy and give a good stretch of lawn in front and yet not so far back as to suggest a spirit of exclusion nor with a lawn so large that it cannot be properly cared for.



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BARE AND DESOLATE FARM HOME.

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The general farm buildings should be in the rear of the farmhouse and the stable at least 150 or 200 feet away. Locate them to avoid odors being carried to the house by the summer winds. Situate the buildings to range the farm buildings to serve as a windbreak. Locate the yards on the side farthest from the house, though it is often an advantage to provide a paddock near the highway for the display of the farm herds. The business side of the farm must not be lost sight of, and special features of the general building equipment may be given prominence, such as the seed house or any other important feature of the place.

The farm is the basis of all industry, but so far as the present country has made the mistake of unduly assisting manufactures, commerce and other activities that center in cities at the expense of the farm.—James J. Hill.

Dosing a Sheep. Sheep medicine needs to be given carefully and should be as small as possible in quantity. Doses are administered by holding the animal between the knees and pouring the fluid into the mouth, observing the same precautions as to coughing as with other animals. The best form of bottle in the absence of the patented article is that in which saucers are sent out. They are strong, have a narrow neck and are generally of about the right capacity—six to eight ounces.—American Cultivator.

Protect Sheep From Dogs. A Minnesota farmer says that he keeps dogs away from his flock by putting up in his pasture the dummy of a man holding a stick for a gun. This dummy is taken down every morning and put up again in the evening at different places from night to night. He says a sheep killing dog will not go near enough to the dummy to discover that it is a bogus man.

Value of Mulch For Fruit. With much care close around fruit plants and a fine earth with mulch between the rows large crops may be carried safely through severe droughts. Commence at once and continue until products are mature.—Household Journal.

THE SMALL FRUIT SUPPLY.

Very Few Farms Have Enough to Keep Home Tables Filled.

Very few farms are supplied with half enough small fruit. In the way of strawberries I have had all we could use for many years, but it is accomplished by setting out a new patch each alternate spring, says a correspondent of Orange Judd Farmer. Two hundred or 300 plants will be enough to set a bed that will supply twice as many berries needed by the largest family. I always set that many because they ripen in a busy time and then we can get them picked on shares and have plenty for our own use. Some one not so fortunately situated has been envious of picking ours, and it costs neither of us an outlay of cash. I raise the berries, the other fellow gathers them. I have followed the same plan with the raspberries for the last few years. Currants are not often found on farm fruit plots. They are a good fruit for some purposes, and almost every farmer's family could dispose of a few gallons of them in pies, jelly or even with sugar and cream when dead ripe. I have a nice patch of the seedless blackberries. It is of long bearing, and if some nurseryman were advertising it they would call it an over bearing fruit, for it stays in fruit for a long time. I like it also on account of the

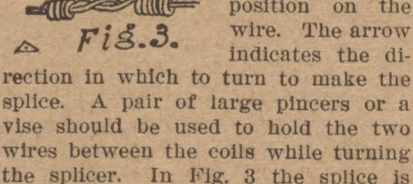
lack of seeds. Of course grapes are a standard fruit, and the old Concord is found everywhere. There are many varieties that will grow in most localities. As local conditions have much to do with the problem, it is best to consult your nearest nurseryman. Put out some white ones, some of the red ones, both early and late, but do not fool with the tender sorts. Busy farmers do not have the time nor inclination to lay down the vines and cover them with dirt, as some do in order to fruit the tender sorts.

WANT FRUIT? SPRAY.

Everybody likes fruit. Fruit can no longer be grown without spraying. Nobody likes to spray, and so we are up against it. It is spray or go without fruit. Now is the time to study this matter and find what style of sprayer is needed for our own circumstances. One thing is essential, however, if the hand sprayer or a power sprayer, the force must be sufficient and the nozzle of the kind which will deliver the spray in a fine mist and send it with force enough to enter the calyx.—Iowa Homestead.

Excellent Wire Splicer.

The neatest and strongest splice can be made with this little instrument. It is made of a strip of iron one inch wide and one-eighth of an inch thick. One end is cut narrow and is bent into a hook large enough to fit neatly the wire to be spliced. The arrow indicates the direction in which to turn to make the splice. A pair of large pliers or a vise should be used to hold the two wires between the coils while turning the splicer. In Fig. 3 the splice is shown as finished. The length of the handle may vary. If the splicer is to be used for net wire, of course the handle cannot be longer than the width of the mesh; otherwise six or seven inches is about right for No. 8 wire. If it is to be used only for small wire the length of the handle should be reduced for the sake of convenience.—Iowa Homestead.



The Useful Radish.

When sowing onion seed mix in some radish seed. It germinates more quickly than onions, and the rows can be cultivated before the weeds are fairly started. Without radishes the rows cannot be seen for several weeks.

Orchard and Garden.

The quickest growing tree for a shelter belt is the willow. Straw, stinky manure makes an ideal mulching fertilizer for both young and old apple trees. A great many are literally dying from starvation. This coarse manure will conserve moisture and fertility.

While sandy soils are probably good for shelter belts, they will not grow for long good results. The land should be well manured and thoroughly cultivated.

Long Island gardeners have been shipping hampers of assorted vegetables to New York families. A uniform price of \$1.20 a hamper (holding more than a bushel) is charged the year round. The plan is successful, although used on a small scale.

Remember that the wood ashes that come from the cook stove, fireplace or furnace are the best kind of fertilizer for the orchard, lawn or garden.

If chickens are kept in an orchard or other crops by eating buds and foliage scatter poisoned bait about. This is made by mixing one pound paris green with twenty pounds bran and adding one to two pints molasses. Keep this away from the chickens.

NAILED THE WRONG MAN.

The Reporter Didn't Get an Interview, but Did Get a Story.

The late Representative Bingham of Philadelphia, who was for many years the "father of the house," served in congress with the late General Meyer, who for years represented a New Orleans district in the house. The two, generally, one a Yankee, the other a Confederate, were not only good friends, but bore a strong resemblance to each other, each being short, chesty looking, natty dressed and having a pink head band.

One day the correspondent of a Philadelphia paper was called away from Washington and left a Baltimore man to do his work. The substitute received a telegram from Philadelphia to interview General Bingham on what congress would do with a bill, then pending, vitally affecting the Philadelphia mint.

Hurrying through Statuary hall, the "sub," who was new to Washington, ran into General Meyer. The Louisiana statesman was a little grouchy when asked for an interview about the Philadelphia mint exploded. The reporter insisted.

"I don't care a — about the Philadelphia mint, I tell you!" shouted General Meyer and tore himself away.

The story the correspondent sent to Philadelphia that night said that the Philadelphia paper the next morning on the front page heralded to the world how profandy indifferent to the Philadelphia mint General Bingham was. It took Bingham a month to squelch rumors among his constituents.—New York World.

Two of Them.

His companions bent over him with pitiful earnestness and stared beseechingly into his waxen features. Again came the flutter of the eyelids, but this time they were mastered approaching death. His lips weakly struggled to execute his last commands, and the friends bent closer to hear the following whisper: "I am—gone? Yes—er—I know. Go to Milly. Tell her—er—I died with—her name on—my lips; that I—er—love—her—er—alone—er—always. And Bessie—tell—er—Bessie the same thing."—London Telegraph.

The Twin Cities.

The tourist was for the first time viewing the Panamanian city of Colon and the American city of Cristobal sitting side by side at the Atlantic end of the canal. "What is it they call the American city?" he asked. "Cristobal." "That's too bad," he said. "It should be Colon and Semicolon."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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It Gave a Little Boy a Mamma

By MIRIAM BURNETT

Edith Germain was strolling on a country road. It was summer time and Miss Germain was used to getting out of the city as early as possible in the spring and remaining as long as possible at the end of the leafy season. She disliked city and loved country life. Born in what is called society, she disliked its hollow and left it before the annual began commenced.

There was that in Miss Germain's mind on this summer morning which though it had been there often before was now stronger than ever. She longed to occupy her natural place as wife and mother. Twenty-eight years old, she was still unmarried. The men of her acquaintance were society men, and while it is not at all unusual for such persons to be fine fellows, they are liable to partake of that artificiality which is a necessary evil in the social world.

At any rate, Miss Germain had not fancied any of them well enough to marry him, and most of the men from whom she might have selected a husband were so engrossed with their life work that she seldom met them. She was thinking of the prospect before her of a life entirely different from what she would wish and wondering if fate would not rescue her before it was too late.

In the distance she saw coming a man walking idly, as she was doing, swinging a cane and stopping every now and again to look after a little boy, who was playing about him, climbing fences, running into puddles and otherwise needing attention. Evidently the two were father and son.

Miss Germain's heart warmed at the sight. How she wished she had a boy or a girl to walk with her! She

"OR MAMMA!" MOANED THE LITTLE FELLOW.

wouldn't mind the wet, muddy shoes the torn garments if she could only have the companionship of a loved one. While she was thinking the corners were drawing near. Presently the boy, running ahead of his father, stopped directly in front of her, looked steadily at her, then, throwing out his arms, ran forward, exclaiming:

"Whatever this meant she could not tell. She did not wish to repulse the child and received him in her own arms. The gentleman came on, a wondering expression in his face. Presently he stopped and exclaimed:

"It was plain to Miss Germain that she had been mistaken for another, and that other was the wife of the man and the mother of the boy. She hesitated what to do or say. She shrank from disappointing the child, who believed that he had found his mother. She could not vary well at the moment inform the man of his mistake without disabusing the boy.

"You see," said the gentleman with a deep reproachfulness in his voice and glancing toward his son, "what you have done."

"Oh, mamma," moaned the little fellow, "where have you been all the time?"

There was silence for some moments, when the man said:

"Come back, and for Roy's sake all shall be forgiven."

"Oh, do, mamma—do come back! I miss you dreadfully."

Thus far there had been no necessity for Miss Germain to say anything, but now both the father and the boy were looking at her, the former eagerly to learn her decision, the latter to inform the man of his mistake without disabusing the boy.

"You know the breach between us and that no wife who has done what you have done can be the same to her husband as before."

"I'll tell you what I will do, dear," she said. "Papa may come to see me this evening, and we will talk it over. I must go on now."

"Oh, no! I won't let you go!" "Come, Roy," said the father. "Mamma is right. We will go on with our walk, and this evening papa will see her, and perhaps you will have her with you again."

The boy clung to his supposed mother, and his father was obliged to disengage him from her, she gently assisting and giving the child kiss after kiss while his father drew him away. Then, after giving the father her address, Miss Germain parted from them, turning often to throw the child kisses, and, armed with tears, kept calling after her.

The twilight was fading when the gentleman was ushered into a room where Miss Germain was awaiting him.

"Pardon me," she said, "for having permitted you to remain in error. I could not bear to disturb your dear little boy's mind of the fact that he had found his mother. I am not his mother."

The man looked at her searchingly. "I believe you're right," he said in a disappointed tone. "I began to doubt that you were as soon as I heard your voice. Yet the resemblance is wonderful. Roy was entirely deceived. I wonder that he remembered his mother well enough to mistake you for her since he has not seen her in three years."

"Poor little fellow!" His eyes, but took these two unfortunates into her heart. There was a deep affliction in the situation for both father and son. She longed to do something toward healing the wound. But what could she do? The only thing was to permit the boy to continue, at least in the belief that she was his mother and permit him to come to see her occasionally, thus giving her an opportunity to comfort him. This plan she proposed to the father, who modified it, suggesting that the boy would derive as much pleasure from his companionship in knowing that she was not his mother as if he continued in the opposite belief and he would be spared the pain later of discovering the latter. Miss Germain approved, and it was arranged that Roy should come to spend the next afternoon with her.

He came, but he had not been informed of his mistake. His father, who brought him, said that he had not had the heart to tell him and asked if Miss Germain would not relieve him of this necessity by doing it herself. She promised to try, and the next day she took the child in her lap and said to him:

"Roy, don't you think that you would love me just as well if you knew I was not your mamma as you do believing that I am?"

"Yes, but you are my mamma."

"Suppose I were to tell you that I am not your mamma. Would you believe me?"

"Of course I wouldn't."

Miss Germain felt after this that she had done her duty. At any rate, she had no heart to proceed further. The boy would learn the truth in time, and then it would not make so much difference to him.

Roy insisted on spending a part of each day with Miss Germain. It was embarrassing that he called her mamma, but she told the story of her meeting, and both she and the child found sympathy with all who heard it. Roy was usually sent to visit her in care of a maid, but occasionally his father would bring him, and it was not long before he seemed to derive as much comfort from her companionship as his boy.

The summer passed pleasantly. There were occasional outings, the father, Miss Germain and Roy making up a party either for a drive or boat trip or some other amusement in the open. The first was arranged for the day, but it was not long before the other two found their own enjoyment in them.

Autumn was upon them before they realized it. Then for the first time the two older ones began to dread a separation—for Roy's sake, they said—though his father was to return to the same blight as before. But the summer had created something unusual. Miss Germain had been supplying the place of a mother for months, and it suddenly dawned upon her that at the breaking up of a world not only miss Roy, but miss Roy's father.

However, since they did not live in the same city, there was nothing for it but separation. Returning to their homes, the man and boy settled down to what they had gained and lost, bearing the loss as well as they could.

Roy begged his father to take him to see his mamma, and one day his father told him that he would go and see if they could not all make an arrangement to live together. His trip was successful, and when he returned he brought with him the news that within a short time he was to have his mamma with him always.

Though the transition was important to the man and the woman, the only change for the child was that his mamma could put him to bed nightly he could say his prayers to her and be always with him.

And so fate took charge of Miss Germain's affairs, just as he does for all of us, not permitting her to choose between single and married life, but in his own good time throwing a husband in her way and giving a mother to his boy.

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Norristown Borough, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Saturday, June 1, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

Bridgeport Borough, First, Second and Third wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Saturday, June 1, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

Upper Merion Township, at the public house of Thos. Cutler, King of Prussia, Monday, June 3, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

Narberth Borough, at the Fire House, Narberth, Monday, June 3, from 12 to 2 p. m.

Plymouth Township, East and West districts, at the public house of Jos. M. Greene, Hickorytown, Tuesday, June 4, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

West Conshohocken Borough, at the public house of Wm. E. Young, Thursday, June 5, from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m.

Conshohocken Borough, First ward, at the public house of Louis Reim, Montgomery Hotel, Wednesday, June 5, from 12 to 2 p. m.

Conshohocken Borough, Second ward, at the public house of Wm. E. Young, Thursday, June 5, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Conshohocken Borough, Fourth ward, at the public house of Wm. E. Young, Thursday, June 5, from 8 a. m. to 10 a. m.

Conshohocken Borough, Fifth ward, at the public house of Margaret Jones, Eighth avenue and Hallows street, Thursday, June 5, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Conshohocken Borough, Third ward, at the public house of Thos. Cutler, King of Prussia, Monday, June 3, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

Lower Providence Township, at the public house of Chas. Whittier, Eagleville, Friday, June 7, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Collegeville Borough, at the Fire Hall, Collegeville, Friday, June 7, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Trappe Borough and Upper Providence Township (Trappe and Mingo districts), at the public house of Edward Beckman, Trappe, Friday, June 7, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Walton Township, at the public house of Chas. H. Spatz, Centre Square, Monday, June 10, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Yorke Township, at the public house of Sylvester L. Bean, Centre Point, Monday, June 10, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Parkenton Township, at the public house of George P. Mark, Graterford, Tuesday, June 11, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Schwenksville Borough, at the public house of Henry L. Port, Tuesday, June 11, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Frederick Township, East district, at the public house of Samuel H. Hughes, Zieglerstown, Tuesday, June 11, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Koyersford Borough, Second and Fourth wards, at the public house of Morris A. Freed, Wednesday, June 12, from 8 a. m. to 11 a. m.

Koyersford Borough, First and Third wards, at the public house of Harry Krause, Wednesday, June 12, from 12 to 2 p. m.

Limerick Township, Third district, at the public house of Wm. H. Weitz, Linfield, Thursday, June 13, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Limerick Township, First and Second districts, at the public house of Wm. H. Weitz, Linfield, Thursday, June 13, from 12 to 2 p. m.

Whiteland Township, East district, at the public house of Wm. H. Weitz, Linfield, Thursday, June 13, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Kocklesburg Township, East district, at the public house of Wm. H. Weitz, Linfield, Thursday, June 13, from 12 to 2 p. m.

Jenkintown Borough, First, Second and Third wards, at the public house of Harry W. Jones, Monday, June 17, from 8 a. m. to 10 a. m.

Upper Dublin Township, at the public house of John F. Roter, Jarrettown, Tuesday, June 18, from 8 a. m. to 10 a. m.

Cumber Borough, at the public house of Jos. H. Fritz, Amber Hotel, Tuesday, June 18, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Gwynedd Township, Lower, at the public house of Carl K. Kuebler, Spring House, Tuesday, June 18, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Montgomery Township, at the public house of Thos. C. Walker, Montgomeryville, Wednesday, June 19, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Horsesham Township, at the public house of Harry S. Nash, Thursday, June 20, from 9 to 11 a. m.

Moreland Township, Lower district, at the public house of Harry W. Worthington, Thursday, June 20, from 12 to 2 p. m.

Hatboro Borough, at the public house of Cyrus C. Moore, Hatboro, Friday, June 21, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

Moreland Township, Upper district, at the public house of Charles F. Kohnen, Friday, June 21, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Skippack Township, at the public house of Charles F. Kohnen, Monday, July 15, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Downingtown Township, at the public house of John H. Dodd, Lederachville, Tuesday, July 16, from 8 a. m. to 11 a. m.

Lower Salford Township, West district, at the public house of John H. Dodd, Lederachville, Tuesday, July 16, from 12 to 2 p. m.

Lower Salford Township, East district, at the public house of Charles Tyson, Hartsville, Wednesday, July 17, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Franklin Township, West district, at the public house of Harry B. Keller, Franconia Square, Wednesday, July 17, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Franklin Township, East district, at the public house of Barney Kuhn, Reliance, Wednesday, July 17, from 12 to 2 p. m.

Salford Township, at the public house of Daniel Kober, Tylerport, Thursday, July 18, from 9 to 11 a. m.

West Telford Borough, at the public house of John M. Kohn, Thursday, July 18, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Souderton Borough, at the public house of Wm. H. Freed, Friday, July 19, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

Hatfield Township and Hatfield Borough, at the public house of Harry W. Worthington, Hatfield, Monday, July 22, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

Lansdale Borough, East ward, at the public house of John H. Dodd, Lederachville, Monday, July 22, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Lansdale Borough, South ward, at the public house of Wm. H. Blank, Tuesday, July 23, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

Lansdale Borough, West ward, at the public house of Robert C. Lowmes, Wednesday, July 24, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

Pottstown Borough, West ward, at the public house of John H. Dodd, Lederachville, Thursday, July 25, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Lower Pottsgrove Township, at the public house of John C. Ockels, Pleasant View Hotel, Friday, July 26, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

West Pottsgrove Township, at the public house of Gerald J. Scheller, Ramoth, Friday, July 26, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Pottstown Borough, Second and Third wards, at the public house of Abram O. Myers, Monday, July 29, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

Pottstown Borough, Sixth and Seventh wards, at the public house of Maudie Gilbert, Tuesday, July 30, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

Pottstown Borough, Eighth and Ninth wards, at the public house of Wm. W. Brendlinger, Friday, Aug. 2, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

New Hanover Township, East district, at the public house of H. V. Nicholas, Pleasant Run, Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Frederick Township, West district, at the public house of Geo. E. Switzer, York Street Hotel, Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 12 to 2 p. m.

Green Lane Borough, at the public house of Lewis B. Beard, Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon.

Red Hill Borough, at the public house of C. U. Bergey, Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

East Greenville Borough and Upper Hanover Township, Third district, at the public house of Samuel H. Koeckel, East Greenville, Thursday, Aug. 8, from 7 a. m. to 10 a. m.

Upper Pottsgrove Township, Second district, at the public house of Wm. H. Freed, Friday, Aug. 9, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Perth Amboy Borough and Upper Hanover Township, at the public house of Chas. A. Kneute, Friday, Aug. 9, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Marlborough Township, at the public house of Geo. W. D. Apple, Sunnyside, Monday, Aug. 12, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon.

Upper Salford Township, at the public house of O. H. Hart, Wednesday, Aug. 14, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Pottsgrove Township, polling place, Mont Clare, Tuesday, August 13, from 8 to 10 a. m.

Upper Providence, Oaks district, at the polling place, Oaks, Tuesday, August 13, from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Taxes will be received at the County Treasurer's Office, Norristown, from June 1 to September 15, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1 to 3 p. m.

State Rate, 4 mills.

County Rate, 3 mills.

Correspondence to receive attention must be accompanied with postage for reply and in all cases location of property and number of premises, whether in Township or Borough, must be definitely given.

Inquiries relative to taxes received after September 15 will not be answered. Statements will be issued from the office only. Unless above instructions are complied with no attention will be given.

Taxes not paid to the County Treasurer on or before September 15, 1912, at 4 o'clock p. m., will be given into the hands of a collector, when 3 per cent will be added for collection as per Act of Assembly.

H. P. KIELEY, Treasurer of Montgomery County, Pa., County Treasurer's Office, Norristown, Pa., April, 1912.

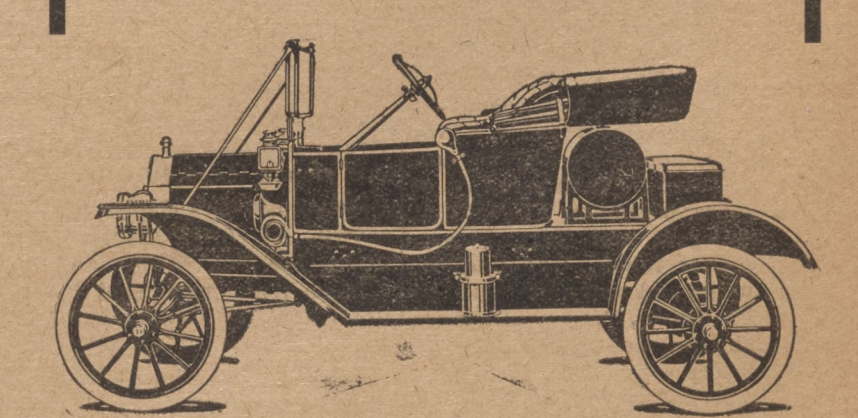
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OAKS.

Christian P. Miller, an old time resident of this community, died suddenly of heart disease while sitting on the porch of his farm house, Monday evening of last week and was buried in Green Tree cemetery Friday afternoon. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss. He was gardener for Mr. Calch Cresson, Sr. and also sexton of St. Paul's Memorial church for the last forty years. Wet or dry, sunshine or rain, he rang the bell at Saint Paul's, summoning the people to church service, tolled the bell at the burial of many friends we knew, and now the good and faithful servant has been tenderly laid away to rest from his labors. He was a friend to every one and every one's friend. He was seventy-four years of age. He survived his sister, Mrs. Charlotte Bevan but a short time. She died the morning of Friday before and he died the following Monday evening.

Mrs. Ellen Weaver, widow of the late Jacob Weaver, was found dead in her house where she lived alone. There was evidence that she died the Friday before as that is the last time she was noticed about the place. She was buried in the Green Tree cemetery, Tuesday morning.

An operation for cataract of the eye was performed by Dr. Parker, of Norristown, assisted by Dr. J. D. Brown, of Oaks, on Mrs. Milton L. Detwiler. The cataract was successfully removed and Mrs. Detwiler is getting along fine.

Five candidates for membership of the church at Green Tree were baptised by Rev. Mr. McKee, pastor of the church, Thursday evening.

Work has commenced on the erection of the national arch at Valley Forge park. H. L. Brown, of Philadelphia, has charge of the excavation. The erection of the arch is under the supervision of government engineer Perry. Not any but Union men will be employed. Laborers \$1.50 per day of eight hours beginning at eight a. m., quitting at four thirty p. m., half hour for lunch. The line between union and non-union will be distinctly drawn. The park guards will make nine hours, from nine to six at fifteen cents an hour. A party from New Jersey were on to select a site for a monument to be erected to Maxwell's New Jersey brigade in the park, Thursday last.

William McMullen has finished planting corn. He has fifteen acres in corn.

The Mont Clare public school, the Port Providence and Green Tree public schools held a picnic in Valley Forge park, Thursday.

At the time of the funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Bevan and about the time the funeral cortege was forming, a large motor van, after the style of the Titanic, came down off railroad hill and as it came up to the house the horses of Undertaker Bechtel, attached to the hearse became frightened and before the driver got the horses under control the hearse was damaged considerably. The corpse had not been placed in the hearse. As the horse and wagon claims first right to the highway, as they were here long before the automobile, why not exercise a spirit of decency and not act as if the highways of the whole earth were made only for automobiles, the internal jig crackers, the paths for bicycles, but there are others who have an abiding here below as well.

That long talked of road to run from Oaks station on the Pennsylvania railroad through lands of the Brower farm, the Umstad farm and the Garden Spot, running parallel with the canal and railroad, connecting with the Long Ford or more correctly speaking, the main street of Port Providence, at what we knew in way back times as the white bridge, a short distance below Port Providence, is not to end in talk, but it is to be a real fact. It would eliminate the bad crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad at Long Ford. It would in these days of quick transit save one mile of travel to Port Providence and Phoenixville, it would save a mile to get to Mr. Eavenson's residence located a quarter of a mile from the station at Oaks, and would benefit the farmers at Long Ford, and not only that but everybody and anybody down to the man who missed the train and was forced to walk, for walking on the railroad as a short cut would be liable to arrest, fined or jailed for trespassing on the railroad. If the most good for the many is what we are striving for, here's the opportunity. Mr. Brower will donate the ground, Mr. Eavenson also and the owner of the Garden Spot will not hinder progression and the cost on the township and county will be little. Now this road will be a big improvement all around and let us have it. The Civic League, yet it is developing a civic pride in our community which is to be greatly commended and it should receive the hearty support of every one of Oaks and the entire community, for as is the neighborhood in and around Oaks, so will Oaks be benefited and so Oaks will be.

Love Feast and celebration of the Lord's Supper was held at Green Tree Saturday evening. Though it was a most sacred service dear to the heart yet it was a feast to the soul, an occasion of joy and happiness. Rev. Mr. McKee was assisted by Rev. Mr. Luckstron, of Royersford, Rev. J. T. Meyers, of our own home community, Rev. J. G. Francis, of Lebanon.

The Oaks Building and Loan Association met Monday evening. Memorial services were held at the Great Valley Baptist church, Sunday, and the G. A. R. men were out in force.

The sidewalk at J. R. Davis' is entirely too narrow; besides it needs repairing, particularly when a fellow walks along side of a lady.

Mrs. Hoar, nee Lizzie Detwiler, is visiting friends at the Hillside farm. Samuel Detwiler will go to Minnesota to deliver a course of lectures in forestry, the blight, its causes and remedy.

BLACK ROCK.

Mr. Norman Jones, student of West Chester Normal School, visited his parents, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Susanna Jones and Mr. Isaac Showalter both are improving. Miss Gertrude and Miss Alice Keefe, of Mont Clare, and Miss Elizabeth Funk, of Yerkes, spent Sunday with Miss Florence Crist.

Miss Ada Hunsberger, Mr. Joseph Hunsberger and their grandmother, Mrs. Joseph Hunsberger, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives in Catasauqua, Lehigh county.

Miss Edith Root, of Port Providence, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith and family.

Mr. Raymond Smith purchased a motorcycle.

Mr. and Mrs. March, of Norristown, spent a short time Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith and family.

Miss Mabel Jones attended the Commencement exercises at Spring City High School Wednesday.

Last Tuesday afternoon, while Master Abram Hunsberger was rolling a plowed field on his father's farm, the horse became unmanageable in going from one field to another and ran up to Jonathan Morris' where they were stopped immediately by several workmen.

Miss Martha Landes, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her parents.

Mr. Allen Bard, of Bethlehem, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Shaffer and family.

EVANSBURG.

George Bean is working for a trolley company in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Lydia Bowman, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with her brother, A. C. Keyser.

The baseball game between Evansburg and Skipack resulted in a victory for Evansburg, 20 to 2.

Henry Alderfer is putting down a cement pavement in front of his property in the village.

Jacob Wanner has sold his farm to Mr. Charles Goodman, of Bryn Mawr.

Isabella Gerber has sold her property to Mrs. Wick.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lane and daughter spent the week end with friends in Philadelphia. Miss Lane is spending the week there.

E. Abbie Barker left home on Saturday for a two months visit with friends in Chester, Del.

D. M. Casselberry has torn down his windmill and will now do its work with a gasoline engine.

Dillman Bean is able to be about again.

Frank Cleaver is improving slowly.

Mrs. Lizzie Thomas visited R. R. Thomas the past week.

A. C. Keyser's expect to move to their new house on the Level this week.

Miss Bertha Place, of Jeffersonville, is visiting Henry Fegley and family.

The pulpit of the Methodist church will be occupied in the morning at 10.30 by a preacher from Philadelphia and in the evening at 7.30 by Mr. John H. Sayres, a converted gambler, who will speak on "The evils of horse racing and card playing." Both men are exceptional speakers.

On Saturday evening, June 15, an entertainment will be held in the Aldome, Collegeville, for the improvement of the Methodist church. Full details next week.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold their regular monthly meeting in the Methodist church next Saturday evening, June first.

The Children's Day exercises in the Methodist Sunday School will be held on Sunday evening, June 9th, in the church.

Philadelphia Market Prices.

Wheat\$1.15
Corn88c.
Oats62c.
Barley27.50
Baled hay\$29.00
Butter20c.
Eggs22c.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. W. S. Chapp, pastor, Services for next Sunday as follows: Sunday School at 9 a. m. Two adult Bible classes, one for men and one for women. You are cordially invited to join one of these classes. Church at 10 a. m. Junior and Senior congregations worshipping together. Junior C. E., 1.30 p. m. Senior C. E., 4.30 p. m. Church at 7.30 p. m. Services every Sunday evening at 7.30; short sermon and good music by the choir. All most cordially invited.

Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, Rev. W. O. Realey, pastor, Sunday School at 9 o'clock; preaching at 10.30; Evening services at 7.30; Teachers' meeting on Wednesday evening.

Trappe U. R. Church, Rev. C. M. Rothmel, pastor, Sunday School at 1.30 p. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Linerick—Preaching at 2.30 p. m.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messenger, D. D. pastor, Sunday School at 8.55 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Meeting of the Junior League at 2 p. m. Meeting of the Heidelberg League at 6.30 p. m. Bible Study and Teacher Training meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday, all are most cordially invited to attend the services.

Evansburg M. E. Church—Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

St. Paul's Memorial Parish (Episcopal), Oaks, the Rev. Geo. W. Barnes, rector, Sunday services at Oaks 10.30 a. m., 3.30 p. m. Sunday School 2.15 p. m. At Audenton "Chapel-of-Ease," Old Union Church, 10.45 a. m. Hearty welcome. The Rector asks to be advised where visitation or ministrations are desired. Address Oaks P. O., or phone Bell 5-393, Phoenixville.

St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. E. S. Ballentine, rector, Morning service and sermon 10.30. Sunday School, 2.15 p. m. Evening prayer and address at 7.30. Holy Communion, first Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.

Mononite Brethren in Christ, Graterford, Rev. H. K. Kratz, pastor, Sunday School at 9.15 a. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

River Brethren, Graterford, Preaching at 7.30 p. m. Graterford Chapel. Preaching at 7.30 p. m.

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EAGLEVILLE.

Mrs. John Spang entertained 18 ladies last Thursday afternoon at her home. Prizes were awarded to Miss Hallie Vanderslice, Mrs. Wm. Hill, Mrs. George Pennepacker and Mrs. David Reiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Phillips and family, of Aldan, spent the week's end with Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fisher and son, of Philadelphia, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spang and daughters spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Jennie Saylor is spending some time at Royersford.

PUBLIC SALE OF

FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, MAY 20, at Beckman's hotel, Trappe, one carload of fresh cows from Lebanon county. Gentlemen, these cows are a lot of choice ones; good-sized, well shaped, and big producers—the kind that will make dollars for you. Don't miss this opportunity. Sale at 1.30. Conditions by JONAS P. FISHER, F. H. Peterman, Auctioneer, M. B. Linderman, Clerk.

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Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1912, at Ellis Butts' Black Rock Hotel, 25 head of fresh cows, selected in Adams county, this State. This will be the finest lot of cows that I have selected in the State. I have a lot of good cows—big buyers and extra milkers—just the kind that will profit buyers. Don't miss this opportunity to inspect choice cows and put in your bids. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions by L. H. Ingram, auction. A. T. Albrecht, clerk.

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Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1912, at Beckman's hotel, Trappe, 30 cows, fresh and a few springers, direct from Ohio. Gentlemen, I will have a lot of choice, straight, heavy cows, having excellent milk and butter qualities. The opportunity will be yours to lay eyes on your dairy. Don't miss the opportunity. Sale at 1.30. Conditions by JONAS P. FISHER, F. H. Peterman, Auctioneer, M. B. Linderman, Clerk.

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